

## DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

Today we remembered and gave thanks for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Rev Jamie led us with thoughts, prayers and a minute's silence. He reminded us of her humanity, that she had a dog, she was a girl guide, she spoke other languages and that in many ways she was just like us.

We enjoyed remembering her great sense of fun, when we watched the Paddington video, starring The Queen pulling her very own marmalade sandwich out of her purse. This has been a truly historic week. One we will never see again: a new monarch and a new Prime Minister in just three days. Such rapid change, in a world that already seems so uncertain, even scary at times. Her Majesty reminded us that faith is the rock of our lives and the certainty we need when we feel uncertain. Our thoughts and prayers now turn to our new King, Charles III. God Save the King.

Alongside this sad news, we want to give a big warm welcome back to the start of the Autumn term. It has been so lovely being able to meet, greet and chat to parents in the playground after such a long time.

The children have settled into the new routines really well and we are proud of their positive and cheerful attitudes. Please see next page for some of their thoughts about their first few days back in school.



Best wishes,  
Mrs Rebecca Harris Headteacher.  
Miss Taryn Jackson Deputy Headteacher.

## Back to School Comments

"School is fun, I like playing with the bikes and building blocks."

Isaac, Nursery

"I really loved playing with the cars."

Zayn - Abdullah



"I feel happy and excited because I like Year 1." Jessie, Year 1

"I am so excited to be back at school and I am excited to start our History lessons." Millicent, Year 2

"Being in the KS2 playground has been a good improvement and I loved singing at Collective Worship" Augusta Year 3

"I've enjoyed being reunited with my friends and teachers since being back at school." Harry, Year 4

"What I enjoyed most was DT and every other subject." Alina, Year 5

"I found it really fun and all be together. I have really enjoyed learning about World War 2." Nathan, Year 6

### Drop off and collection arrangements

- Thank you so much for all your patience and support at the start and end of the day. We are settling into good routines, which helps the children to have a good start to their learning each day.
- **Please continue to drop off your child between 8.45 and 8.55am. The gate will close at 8.55am and the registers at 9.00am. After this time, your child will be marked in as late.**
- If you are late, please bring your child to the John's Mews entrance where they will be signed in as 'late' and collect a red card.
- At 3.30pm, the teachers will dismiss each child from the class line after they have said goodbye to them individually. Thank you for helping us at the end of the day to keep all our children safe by not removing your child from their class line before this has happened.
- Please collect your child promptly at 3.30pm.
- Any messages for the teacher should be phoned through to the school office.

Our staff are here to help you at the start of the day. A member of the office team will be in the playground to take messages and answer any questions, alongside our Deputy Headteacher, Miss Jackson and myself.

### School uniform and shoes

- Plain black shoes or plain black trainers should have a rubber sole suitable for playing and being active. School shoes which do not have grip or slide easily will be unsafe for children in the playground.
- On PE days, children come into school wearing their PE kit. Please remember this includes black trainers.

## School Christian Value

This half term our school Christian Value is **Determination**. This week in Collective Worship we talked about the Bible story of how the wise man built his house upon the rock and the foolish man built his house upon the sand.

Our reflection for the week

### *Determination*

*"If at first you don't succeed try and try again". Sometimes things can be difficult but if you persevere and show determination the rewards are plentiful and you will achieve success and excellence.*



## Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Please remember the importance of your child being at school on time and being in school every day.

**Holidays during school term time will not be authorized.**



## Draft Local Area SEND Strategy - consultation

Have your say on our draft strategy by 22 September

Respond via the link below or email us at [sendstrategy@camden.gov.uk](mailto:sendstrategy@camden.gov.uk)



[camden.gov.uk/sendstrategy](https://camden.gov.uk/sendstrategy)



### Do you have any questions about school life?

We are of course, really happy to answer any questions about school, no matter how small. Do phone the school office to ask questions or ask to arrange an appointment to speak to the class teacher. You can also speak to myself or Miss Jackson (Deputy Headteacher).

A member of the office staff will also be available in the playground in the morning. If you are worried about something, see us straight away. Don't let a little worry turn in to a big one. We also like to hear your good news. It helps to keep us going with a smile.



**Mrs Rebecca Harris**  
Headteacher

### Prayer

*Dear God, bless this new academic year with great opportunities, may your gifts flow through us. We pray you help us to maintain our school values so that we may be an example for others around us.*

**Amen**



## Information for Parents

### Moving on to Secondary School event Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September at St George the Martyr

St George the Martyr is hosting a "Meet the Parents" event on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 5.30 to 6.30pm**. Please come along and join the discussion about local Camden secondary schools. There will be a panel of children and parents/carers representing their school bringing an up-to-date and honest account of their education experiences. You are encouraged to ask any question that is important to you when choosing a secondary school for your child.

St George the Martyr Year 5 and 6 parents are invited to join any one of the "Meet the Parents" autumn events-see below.

**Registration will be in advance by Eventbrite.**

<https://StGeorgeMTP26thSept.eventbrite.co.uk>

### Moving on to Secondary School event Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at Arlington House, Camden Town

Find out more about how to apply to Camden secondary schools and the admissions process at our Moving On event for parents of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils at Arlington House, Camden Town, on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, from 4.00pm to 6.30pm**.

You will be able to speak with Headteachers, student ambassadors and staff from Camden secondary schools, as well as talking to the Camden Admissions Team. Please register at [Eventbrite.co.uk](https://Eventbrite.co.uk) - search for 'Camden Moving On 2022'.

## Information for Parents



**Please see below key dates for your diaries this term:**

**Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> September:** House Captains and Class Ambassadors will be chosen.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September:** Curriculum newsletters sent home.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September:** Year 4 first swimming session

**Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> September: Academic Review Day for parents. The school will be closed for children this day and a creche will be available as usual throughout the appointment times.**

**Week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> October: Whole School Equalities Studies**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Phonics workshop for Reception and Year 1 parents.**



## SGTM WEEKLY AWARDS

### Attendance

CLASS	PERCENTAGE
YEAR 1	100%
weeYEAR 2	92.5%
YEAR 3	93.6%
YEAR 4	95.6%
YEAR 5	96.2%
YEAR 6	98.7%
WHOLE SCHOOL	96%

WELL DONE  
YEAR 1!

### Star learners / Christian Value certificates

Class	Star Learners	Christian Value
Year 1	Jessie	Sapphire
Year 2	Rose	Millicent
Year 3	Augusta	Teddy
Year 4	Jon	Gabby
Year 5	Isla	Yasin
Year 6	Roisin	Adam M